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*“There shall be no more sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain for the  
former things are passed away.”*

*(Revelation 21:4)*





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## Introduction

“Death: Should We Be Afraid?” is an uplifting compilation of writings that address death, and what awaits us afterwards.

Death is just one of so many things in this life that we have trouble understanding. But it is a natural and inevitable conclusion to our time here. Death is also our graduation, promotion, and coronation day.

Knowing what to expect when our time comes gives us encouragement and hope, as well as peace in our hearts.

The deepest and purest love awaits us all at the end of the journey!



## **DEATH: SHOULD WE BE AFRAID?**

Death is not a bad thing. It's our graduation! And just as birth is a joyful event, death can also be if you have the Lord.

We all have a certain apprehension regarding death, especially if we think about any pain that might come along with it. But death is inevitable, and it pays to face our fears and discuss them openly.

Many people who have had near death experiences state that they saw a bright light and felt God as a warm, welcoming, loving presence. They weren't afraid. They felt so good, that they didn't even want to come back!

So don't be afraid of death. Death is not the end. It is only the beginning! A mere stepping stone to all the pleasures and blessings of God.

It will be your day of glory, if you have made peace with God...

And are now living in HIS love!



## **STARING RIGHT AT US!**

I believe that when we die we'll see all of life from the beginning to the end, and understand. When we die we will have the biggest “wow” moment.

We will see how logical it all was and how our material world and the spiritual world were so intricately intertwined.

We will all realize that we had overly complicated many things in our heads. We failed to see the simplicity of it all.

The truth had been staring us in the face the whole time, yet we failed to see it.



## THE DEATH TRIP

Death is passing from this life into the next. It is leaving behind the many things that keep us down and moving on to something better. It is our liberation, our release.

Man has lost sight of what death is really all about. He regards it as something bad, something to be dreaded. We are not even supposed to talk about death.

But death is just like buying a ticket and taking a trip. When we buy a ticket, we look forward with excitement to the trip we are about to take.

So, you can either live in fear and dread death, or you can live your life in such a way that when you come to the end of it you can actually look forward to the day of your departure, and the trip to your rewards for living a life well spent, and without regrets.

If we have the Lord, we can look forward to the day He takes us home because we will have finished our job. We will have concluded our mission on this Earth.

“Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.” (Psalms 73:24)



## JUST PASSING THROUGH

“This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through.” So go the words to an old song.

So much confusion surrounds us in this world, and at times it seems to only be getting worse and worse. But isn’t it great to know that a happy ending awaits us all?

Light and laughter, and peace ever after are at the end of the tunnel of this life’s journey.

And all we have to do to go there... is *believe!*

“Believe on the name of the Lord and thou shalt be saved.”  
(Acts 16:31)





## **NO ONE TO BLAME!**

People love to blame God for the death of a loved one. But just as we are born, we must die.

We die when we come to the end of our lives. Death is a release. It is our graduation. Death is a liberation!

In death we are free from the burden of our bodies. We are set free from the struggle of daily life with its conflicts, burdens and chores.

When we die, love's arms will fold around us and envelop us in unconditional acceptance and warmth.



## **IF I HAD KNOWN...**

We see everything backwards.

When we die, we will be freed from the pain and suffering of this life. People who die of illnesses will find welcome relief. For all of us it will be a release.

When the moment arrives that we realize we are dead, it will also come with the feeling of, “If I had known it was going to be this good, I wouldn’t have been so afraid!”



## THE VERY SPIRIT OF LOVE

God is so much bigger than we will ever fully grasp. He is the sum total of our natural, physical universe as well as the spiritual. He is the essence of nature, the epitome of science and faith, and the sum of all hope.

The universe as well as our entire existence is in fact a reflection of God's nature. God and the spiritual world manifest themselves in many ways: as energy, as intelligence, consciousness and thought.

God is also what people refer to in their near death experiences as the warm and loving light at the end of the tunnel.

God is the very spirit of love.



## AT DEATH'S DOOR

One time I almost died.

And as I lay there at death's door I saw how most of the things we place value on in this life are just not important.

We really do have our sense of priorities mixed up. We don't see things as God sees them. Facing death, I saw that everything we strive for, everything we get all worked up about and sacrifice for, just doesn't matter in the world to come.

I saw at that precise moment how blessed I was. I saw how good I had it in this life.

I also realized that it was really easy to please God. And I knew that all He was asking of me was to be happy, to be grateful, and to help others do the same. How cool is that!

That's what I learned that day. The day I almost died.



## IN GOD'S TOMORROW

Time shall be no more.

There will be no more sadness or pain, nor sorrow, broken dreams or internet connections.

Email will be obsolete, wifi unnecessary, no more computers, and no one will care.

We will have nutritious food, be able to bathe in every stream, and sleep under the stars.

Everyone will be pretty, all will be healthy, no one will take himself too seriously, or react in a huff.

There will be fun things to do, pleasures galore, and every day a party. The perfect place where mosquitoes don't bite, all wrongs are made right, no one will frown and all will have smiles.

We'll find time for our neighbor, feel content in our labor, and learn new things each day.

We will have learned to love, in God's tomorrow...

Where time shall be no more!

“He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Isaiah 2:3-4)



## IN CLASS NOW

Death is not the end. Death is only the beginning.

This world is our classroom. And we each voluntarily came here to this life on a personal and individual mission to learn the lessons that are unique to each of us.

We chose to come here of our own free will, for our spiritual enrichment and for our own good. And when we have learned all the things that God wants us to learn, He will take us home.

We will have graduated and we will then move on to even greater things, because Heaven is not the end, Heaven is only the beginning!

We will never stop learning, even right through Eternity.

How exciting is that!

“Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of My mouth.” (Proverbs 4:5)



## IT DIDN'T MATTER

It didn't matter how smart we were, what we knew, or who we knew. It didn't matter how famous.

It didn't matter what we had, what we were, or where we were, nor our lofty dreams, visions and goals. The good causes we championed, the wrongs we made right. The things we accomplished, the times we shined bright.

It didn't matter which church we went to, or if we ever went. If we didn't have love in our hearts.

What mattered was: helping our neighbor, patience with the ignorant, how giving we were to the needy, how loving we were to the unlovely.

We will ALL be judged by one yardstick.

We will all receive praise from God for ONE thing alone...

How much love we had.

“Without love I am nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:2)



## **A HAPPY ENDING**

Heaven is REAL! It exists.

When all is said and done, when our lives are done and through, only what we have done for LOVE will last.

We all know this deep down inside. We have just had this blurred by all the noise and confusion of the world.

Yes, the good news is that love will win, in the end. Love is the currency in Heaven, and in Heaven the only yardstick will be love. So, what are you waiting for?

LOVE, here and now. Let all of your actions be guided by love... and you can't go wrong.

You will have a happy ending!

“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me at that day.” (2 Timothy 4:8)





## A SIMPLE PLAN

People often ask us: What's life all about? or, Why are we here in this world?

We believe we are all here on a mission, and that we each voluntarily came here to this life. We believe we are all here to learn to love.

And when we learn this lesson we will have grown spiritually, we will have accomplished our mission, and we will be called back home.

Simple plan now. Isn't it!



## CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

It's common for people to talk about someone being successful. But more often than not success to them is having money.

Money is a lousy way to keep score. Money doesn't make a person right. Money isn't proof of integrity.

In God's kingdom, truth and love are the true coinage. Kindness, in God's eyes, along with humility and compassion are true treasures.

So if you value the riches of this material world, enjoy them while you can.

Because... You can't take them with you!

“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.” (I Timothy 6:7)



## WHY ARE THEY AFRAID?

A lot of people fear death. A lot of people are afraid of dying.

But Jesus' followers weren't afraid of dying. When they were persecuted by the Romans they went to their deaths singing and rejoicing! They were not afraid of death.

They didn't fear death, because they knew they were living the TRUTH. They knew that they were in the RIGHT.

So it's not surprising that so many people today are so afraid of dying.

Now we know why!

“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)



## WE WILL JUDGE

When we come to the end of our lives, each one of us will watch our lives flash before us.

In an instant, and in the Lord's presence, we will see everything we did. We will each judge ourselves based our own individual conscience.

At that moment we will see our lives from the standpoint of God's love: how much love we had, or didn't have. We will realize to what degree we had let love guide our lives. And we will judge accordingly.

How fair and righteous of God to have us judge ourselves.

Who could do it better than us?

“For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hidden, that shall not be known.” (Luke 8:17)



## TO BE CONTINUED

We should all ask ourselves: “What are we doing now in this world that we will be able to take with us into the next?” That is the question.

If we are happy with the answer, and if we think we will be comfortable when we stand before God’s throne some day, because that day will come, then we have nothing to worry about.

A very wise person once said:

“We cannot be selfish and unloving in this life, and unselfish and loving in the next. The two are too closely linked. One is but a continuation of the other.”

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”  
(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



## TOO LATE

When we grow old and tired and our usefulness is waning, what kind of memories will we have of our lives?

We have visited many nursing homes and seen a lot of sad and lonely people. Some are sad because they have been forgotten by their families. Others because of failing health. But saddest of all are those who realize it's too late. They wasted their lives and now realize that time has run out for them to do anything significant for God or His Work.

They may have lived selfishly making a lot of money. They may have wasted their lives on drink. They maybe had been powerful and commanded the respect of everyone around them. But now they are all in the same boat and the clock is ticking.

NOW is the only time we own.

What will YOUR memories be?

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not. Before the silver cord be loosed, and man goeth to his long home. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” (Ecclesiastes 12:1, 5-7)



## WHAT, ME WORRY?

None of us can see the whole picture of why we are here on Earth.

And when we come to the end of life's road probably all of us will be sad to some degree when we see the opportunities we lost, when we realize the time we wasted on *nothings*.

But no one is perfect. And thankfully God knows our weaknesses. God knows our limitations, temptations, and trials. And all that is really required of us is that we just do the best we can.

As long as we try to do the right thing, as long as we try to be courteous and kind and loving to others...

We'll have NOTHING to worry about!

“Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” (Matthew 25:21)



## THE CITY OF LIGHT

Everything shimmered with light, and with an inner glow. Light and life emanated from within.

The walls, the buildings, trees, birds, people and every living thing were composed of *light*: spun light. Woven light. Energy, and light was the building block of this marvelous place.

It was like a big garden full of beautiful flowers and trees. Fountains graced the landscape and birds and butterflies flew through the air. People strolled along the many paths, their feet scarcely touching the ground as they effortlessly glided along. No one was in a hurry. Peace and contentment were pervasive in this bright world.

I saw flowers so tall and so wide you could take a nap on one. Happy children frolicked in the grass and couples held hands as they walked over gently rolling hills.

It was like everyone was part of one big, happy family, a family where each and every one felt accepted, all felt loved.

Love was in all. In fact, love was in *everyone* as well as in *everything*, down to the tiniest blade of grass!

As I walked along I became aware of a large



building over to my left. It was a couple of floors tall and somewhat resembled a castle in style. I walked over to its door, curious to see what was inside, and no sooner had I thought of opening it, than I felt myself going through it. I just passed right through that door!

It was like none of the molecules in my body collided with any of the molecules in the door, although I somehow knew that in this special place, molecules didn't even exist!

I then found myself inside a large room, similar to a hotel foyer. There were comfortable sofas against the walls, paintings on the walls and beautiful plants. Everything was nice, shiny and alive. On the other side of the room I saw a balcony. Curious to see the view, I went out on it and looked down.

Oh my God! Down below, way down below, I saw tiny people walking down a winding street. I realized how high I was!

The building was on one level, and the street was many, many levels beneath it. It was thirty or forty stories below and the people were so small they looked like ants! I wanted to go down to them.

Suddenly, I felt myself floating down. Slowly I floated, like a feather.

Then, I woke up!



## HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE?

When this life is over and the angels beckon you, the only thing you will be able to take with you is what you have done with love.

No matter what anyone says, in spite of all the great things you may have done, in spite of all the money and material wealth you have accumulated in this life, if you didn't have love you didn't accomplish much. Because only love will last.

Mother Teresa unselfishly loved the most needy, in one of the poorest countries on earth. Mother Teresa was a good example of love. She gave her life for love.

Imagine how she must feel now that she is in God's presence!

Mother Teresa sure was a smart woman!



## PASSING OVER

Although my mother lived far away, we stayed in close touch through our weekly phone calls which we enjoyed very much.

For some time now, she had been telling me how she wasn't up to doing many of the things she was used to doing in the past. She found herself staying at home more, and not getting out as often as she would like.

One day I asked her if she was "ready to go". She replied that she was. She told me that she was "tired". This didn't surprise me, being that she was in her nineties. We prayed that God would take her, and that it wouldn't be hard for her.

One evening, seven days later, she went to bed, and didn't wake up the next morning.

They said she passed away peacefully in her sleep.

A week later I had a dream.

I saw Mom in her house in Heaven. She was glowing! She hugged me warmly. Without her saying a word, I knew she was ok.



## **HERE? or THERE?**

Our legacy depends on the things we do in this life, day after day, deed after deed, as much as it depends on the things we don't do.

We can glide through life filling it with temporary excitement and food, fun and games, or we can get down to business investing in things that will last, things of eternal value.

That's why Jesus said to labor not for the things of this world, but for the things that we can take with us to the next.

That's why we are here. It's our choice.

It's never too late to begin!

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon Earth. But rather lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.” (Matthew 6:19-20)



## LIKE A FLOWER

Our lives are like flowers: Our days are numbered. We bask in the sunlight for a season, but inevitably we must wither and die.

We rejoice when someone comes into this life. We are happy when a baby is born. But we get sad when someone dies.

We are all here on a mission. We are all here to learn. When we learn our lessons, the bell will ring, and we will go home.

Just like when a baby is born, leaving this life should be a day of rejoicing...

It's our graduation day!



## TIMELY MATTERS

Time is the defining element of THIS, our material world. The “*opposite of time*” is the defining element of the greater universe, a universe which has always existed.

The “opposite of time” world, is the past, present, and future: all in one. It is kind of like *time in reverse*. “Eternity” is the other word for this.

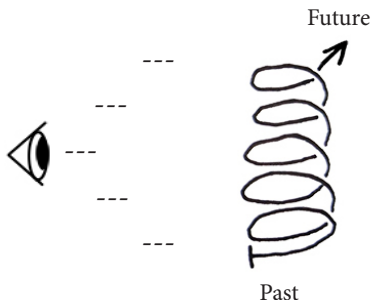
Our physical universe is made up of two other things besides time: matter and energy. “Matter” as we know it here in this world needs time to exist.

### A. Time as we know it.



In “time” as we know it, we can see the present, or the past. Or we can gaze into the future: But only one at a time. We see moments of time in a linear progression.

## B. The “opposite of time”.



In “the opposite of time”, there is no past, present or future. We experience them all as one. Every moment exists simultaneously and we can move backwards and forwards between them at will. Even both at the same time.

“Light” is the building material of the *invisible* world. There are other “consciousnesses” in dimensions beyond our dimension of “time”.

The spirit world most definitely exists and what we see here in our present physical universe merely reflects spiritual realities.

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## WHEN I DIE...

When I die, I want a poor man's burial.

I want someone to just dig a hole someplace and throw my dead body in it. Maybe throw in an apple seed or two also, or not.

Of course that's not going to happen, but it's stupid that people spend so much money by falling into the trap of one of this world's biggest rackets, the death industry. Funeral homes with their price gouging and unscrupulous sales tactics are disgraceful.

Let the system dispose of your body! They bury poor and homeless people every day. They're not going to let you rot in the street. They'll get you buried or cremated or something!

Spend your money... on the LIVING!





## **DON'T PUT IT OFF**

Life passes us by so quickly. The months fly by. The years.

Too many people when they come to the end of their lives realize they lived selfishly. They now wish they had done more for others. They wish they had made a difference when they had the strength. Don't let that happen to you.

Start doing something today to enhance the lives of others. Don't put it off. Ask God how. He will show you!

You *never* lose by giving.

“I must do the works of Him while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work.” (John 9:4)



## WORLDS WITHOUT END

Learning. There's nothing more exciting! That's what life's all about. And we will continue to learn even after this life. It will never end. We have so much to look forward to!

Just as we are conscious of this, our present reality, so will we be of the next one after this life. Our consciousness lives on. Intelligence in this world, consciousness in the next, and spirit, spirits and souls... are the same thing.

And just as our physical world is composed of atoms *woven* together, the spirit world is made up of *woven* light. Light is the building block of our greater universe.

This material world is in constant need of painting, repairing, rebuilding and renovation. It is in a constant state of decay. It is *dead* and dying. But the spirit world is in a never ending state of rebirth and renewal and is vibrant, alive, pulsating, and full of love and light.

Many go through life seeking love but seldom finding it. They silently cry in their loneliness, yearning for a deeper sense of belonging. The aching spiritual void man has deep within his heart is really a longing to be reunited with the great spirit of love that created and rules the universe.

This powerful, loving consciousness and the parallel full-of-light world are so incredibly big, and above and beyond our comprehension, that when we *do* catch occasional glimpses of them, we realize that everything we could desire in this world is nothing compared to them in beauty.

Nothing could be more exciting than the happy ending that awaits us all. And the end will only be the first of a never ending series of new and glorious beginnings!



“Marvelous things are they which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” (1 Co. 2:9)

“The former life shall not be remembered nor come into mind.” (Is. 65:17)

“God will swallow up death in victory.” (Is. 25:8)

“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, or sorrow.” (Rev. 21:4)

“I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also.” (Jn. 14:2,3)

## **A SIMPLE PRAYER**

Lord, open my mind, open  
my heart and open my eyes that  
I may see the bigger picture, Your  
greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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YOU DO  
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